

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An information handling system including:
 - a processor;
 - memory coupled to the processor;
 - glue logic coupled to the processor for facilitating connection of the processor to other devices;
 - an audio coder and decoder coupled to the glue logic and including a unidirectional Sony-Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) digital audio output;
 - a first multi-pin docking connector in a portable portion, wherein only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector is coupled to the audio coder and decoder, and wherein the only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector is coupled to the audio coder and decoder via the unidirectional S/PDIF digital audio output;
 - a second multi-pin docking connector in a docking station, wherein only one audio pin of the second multi-pin docking connector is coupled to the only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector; and
 - a digital audio receiver to convert S/PDIF digital audio to analog audio and including a unidirectional S/PDIF digital audio input, wherein the digital audio receiver is located at the docking station and coupled to the only one audio pin of the second multi-pin docking connector via the unidirectional S/PDIF digital audio input.
2. – 4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The information handling system of claim 1 wherein the digital audio receiver includes an analog output.
6. (Previously Presented) The information handling system of claim 5 further comprising:
 - a first power amplifier coupled to the analog output.
7. (Previously Presented) The information handling system of claim 6 further comprising:
 - a second power amplifier coupled to the analog output.
8. (Previously Presented) The information handling system of claim 7 further comprising:
 - a subwoofer coupled to the second power amplifier.

9. (Original) The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the docking station includes a substantially closed volume having an aperture.
10. (Original) The information handling system of claim 9 wherein the subwoofer is situated in the aperture to project sound therethrough.
11. (Previously Presented) A method of operating an information handling system including a portable portion and a docking station, the method comprising:
 - generating, by the portable portion, a digital audio signal conforming to a Sony-Philips Digital Interface (S/PDIF) standard;
 - sending the digital audio signal across a docking interface between the portable portion and a docking station, wherein the docking interface comprises a first multi-pin docking connector coupled to an audio coder and decoder using only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector, and wherein the only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector is coupled to only one audio pin of a second multi-pin docking connector, and wherein the second multi-pin docking connector is coupled to a digital audio receiver using the only one audio pin of the second multi-pin docking connector;
 - converting the digital audio signal to an analog audio signal; and
 - amplifying the analog audio signal.
12. – 16. (Canceled)
17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising:
 - providing the first amplified analog audio signal to a line out output of the docking station.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 including amplifying the analog audio signal by a second audio amplifier thus providing a second amplified analog audio signal.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising:
 - providing the second amplified analog audio signal to a subwoofer loudspeaker.
20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the docking station exhibits a substantially closed volume.

21. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for operating a portable information handling system (IHS) comprising:
- a docking station coupled to the IHS;
 - means for generating a digital audio signal conforming to a Sony-Philips Digital Interface (S/DIF) standard;
 - means for sending the digital audio signal across a docking interface between the IHS and the docking station, wherein the docking interface comprises a first multi-pin docking connector coupled to an audio coder and decoder using only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector, and wherein the only one audio pin of the first multi-pin docking connector is coupled to only one audio pin of a second multi-pin docking connector, and wherein the second multi-pin docking connector is coupled to a digital audio receiver using the only one audio pin of the second multi-pin docking connector;
 - a converter for converting the digital audio signal to an analog audio signal; and
 - means for amplifying the audio analog signal.